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September Founders Day Event Honors Local Businesswomen



On **Wednesday, September 22**, the Dana Point Historical Society will honor Donna Kalez (right) of *Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching* and Gisele Anderson (left) of *Capt. Dave's Dana Point Dolphin & Whale Watching Safari*.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a drinks and hors d'oeuvres patio reception at the OC Sailing Events Center at 34451 Ensenada Place, directly adjacent to Baby Beach in the west basin. Ample parking is available. Following the reception will be a presentation at 6:30 p.m. when event chair Elizabeth Bamattre will interview our two Founders Day recipients.

Gisele Anderson and Donna Kalez, co-directors of the *Dana Point Whale Watching Company*, trademarked Dana Point as the *Dolphin & Whale Capital of the World*

in 2019. In 2021, the World Cetacean Alliance, the world's largest marine conservation partnership, named Dana Point as the first Whale Heritage Site in the Americas. Kalez and Anderson oversaw a rigorous application process through 2020 and received the official designation last January.

Kalez is the general manager of *Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching*, and Anderson operates *Capt. Dave's Dolphin & Whale Watching Safari* with husband Dave Anderson.

Donna Kalez is the daughter of *Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching* founder Don Hansen and was born and raised in San Clemente. Her passion for the business and community is very important, and one of her goals is to introduce children to both whale watching and fishing for the first time through new programs both fee-based and free. Donna wrote the book *The Adventures of Captain Don* in tribute to her father and also co-produced a DVD documentary "Sharing the Shores of Dana Point."

Gisele met Captain Dave Anderson in Dana Point while both had sailboats on C Dock in 1995. They married, and while Dave was taking people out to see the dolphins and whales, Gisele answered the phones and managed the office side of things. Dave also made an award-winning film and wrote a book.

Unvaccinated attendees should wear masks at all times during the event. Vaccinated attendees may choose to wear masks when indoors, if desired.

Please RSVP to the Dana Point Historical Society at events@danapointhistorical.org or by calling 949-248-8121.

President's Message



Please mark your calendars for the September 22nd Founders Day General Meeting on the first day of autumn. This will be our first program meeting since the pandemic limited social interaction in March of 2020. This is a perfect time to honor the two women responsible for Dana Point being named the *first* Whale Heritage Site in North American by the World Cetacean Society.

Our first summer activity was attended by 50 members and guests in June when we met at the Aliso Viejo Ranch for our private tour of the last remaining parcel of the Moulton Ranch, which was donated to the city of Aliso Viejo by the Moulton family. Special thanks go to Aliso Viejo City Manager David Doyle who led us on an informative and entertaining VIP tour. Jared Mathis, president of the Moulton Museum and a great-grandson of ranch founder Lewis Moulton, recently announced the donation of \$100,000 to the Aliso Viejo Ranch for its programs and exhibits. He also stated that the Moulton Museum, located in Laguna Hills, is slated to open in Spring 2022 to house the artifacts belonging to the descendants of Lewis and Nellie Gail Moulton.



Photo by Jean-Paul Van Swae

In July, the Historical Society joined the City of Dana Point in welcoming relatives of Richard H. Dana Jr. for their family reunion, held in Dana Point (pictured above). Mayor Jamie Federico and City Manager Mike Killebrew welcomed the Dana family at the Richard Henry Dana Jr. statue in the harbor. Mayor Federico invited me to speak, and I introduced Faith Lawson and Kathy Carlisle, two local Dana cousins who live in this area. R. H. Dana Jr. is a descendant of Richard Dana, the first Dana family member to come to America, in about 1640 --- one of the early settlers of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Richard married Anne Bullard Dana and they had 11 children. The Thomas Wolcott Dana descendants had 64 people attend the July reunion here, ranging in age from 5 months to 82 years old. They are descended from Richard and Anne's son Joseph, born in 1656, while our namesake, Richard Henry

Dana Jr., was descended from Joseph's brother Daniel, born in 1662. The visitors came from Iowa, Minnesota, Texas, Colorado and California. Their reunions are held every three years, although this year's reunion was delayed a year due to the pandemic. Faith and Kathy also spoke and shared that



they are descended from Benjamin Dana, born in 1660, a brother to Joseph and Daniel. Faith remarked that she is in touch with the parents of Richard Henry Dana VIII, who is a direct descendant of our namesake and is called "Ocho" by his family. Mayor Federico spoke of the significance of R. H. Dana Jr.'s history to our city and presented the family patriarch, Gary Dana, with a framed document to mark the occasion (pictured left).

Each individual family was dressed in matching shirts so other attending relatives could identify the family group to whom they belonged.

Virjene Lindsey, who planned the three-day reunion with her daughter Christine, mentioned to me that their family is very grateful that their Joseph Dana branch was traced by Elizabeth Ellery Dana in research for her book, *The Dana Family in America*. After Elizabeth's death in 1939, at the age of 93, research for her book was continued by relatives into the 1950s. In a 1940 printing, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana's preface to the book estimated that she had researched and given account of some 12,000 Danas living in all parts of this country. A Dana family committee continued the research and editing of her book for the 1956 edition but noted that they still had not identified all living descendants. (The two-volume edition is available for research at the museum.)

While here, David and Vickie Dana Trumbo visited the museum and said that the family was considering creating a one-time \$1,000 scholarship as a thank you. Vickie later sent an email on behalf of the family that stated they wanted the scholarship to be named the Thomas Wolcott and Dorothy Ricklefs Dana Memorial Scholarship in honor of their parents: "*We had such an amazing time in Dana Point for our reunion and this is just our way of saying thank you to you and the Historical Society for all you did for us.*" Vickie also added that the scholarship was from the entire family including over 30 family members who couldn't attend this year.

In a recent email, Virjene wrote: "*Thanks again for all that you did for us during the reunion. We had so much fun and all loved Dana Point. On Saturday night we asked all if they would like to contribute to a scholarship in our name (Dana) and the response was overwhelming.*"

The Historical Society wishes to thank Mayor Federico and the City of Dana Point for giving such a warm welcome to the Thomas Wolcott Dana family. We are very pleased their family chose Dana Point for their reunion and our members thank them for their thoughtful generosity.

Please remember to RSVP for our September 22 meeting --- we look forward to celebrating with you!

Barbara Force Johannes

Historical Society News

Visit to Aliso Viejo Ranch: On June 23, Aliso Viejo City Manager David Doyle invited Society members and guests to visit the last unused parcel of the Moulton family ranch in Aliso Viejo. The site is a \$15.5 million project on 7.7 acres that includes restored 1890s buildings (left), its new 8,000–square-foot Red Barn venue on a former barn site and a newly planted orchard. An aquaponic farming system (below) demonstrates how to raise vegetables from fishponds where both the fish and plants are harvested and donated for charitable food distribution. The Moulton Museum historic exhibits in the Red Barn highlighted life on the Moulton-Daguerre Ranch from 1895 to the mid-1950s.

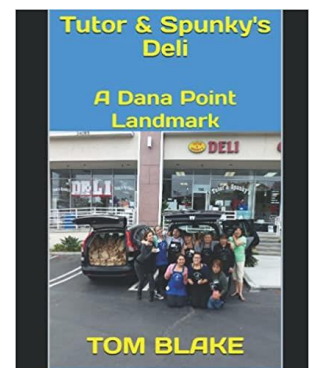


REDO Vintage and Maker's Market: On August 22 the Society set up its outreach and merchandise booth on Del Prado Avenue (below). Along with other vendors and organizations, the Society sold our signature hats, T shirts and books, historic photos and also gave out information to visitors about the mission of the Society. Bob Minty was there with his classic woodie to lend a historic flavor and treasurer Gary Prenovost (below right) was on hand to manage sales.



October Meeting Will Feature Columnist and Author Tom Blake with His New Book: *Tutor & Spunky's Deli: A Dana Point Landmark*

Local columnist Tom Blake opened Tutor and Spunky's Deli in 1988 and ran the business for 26 years. Tom will share stories from over the years, highlighting Dana Point history and stories featuring the deli's visiting friends and personalities. Join us on **Wednesday, October 27, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.**



Historical Society Receives Archives

Rick Morgan (pictured below, right), creator of the Official Seal of the City of Dana Point, has donated to the Society his original files, drawings and letters for the creation of the seal. Many may remember that it was Rick's design that was used on our first commemorative ornament, first offered for sale in 2014.



DPHS Trademark Approved

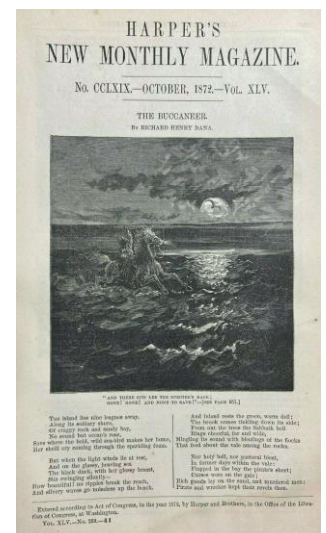
The United States Patent and Trademark Office has approved the registration of the Hide Drogher illustration as the trademark logo for the Dana Point Historical Society. The registration process began in October 2020 and final approval was received in August 2021. The Hide Drogher logo may now only be used with permission from DPHS.

Recent Acquisitions

The Society has recently received several donations and also acquired new archival assets.

An anonymous donor has given DPHS a variety of items. Most important, they include eight signed first edition copies of Doris Walker's book, *Home Port for Romance*, as well as a certified framed note from 1876 by R. H. Dana Jr. Donations also included a framed, signed poster by photographer David Milton featuring a collage of Dana Point sites.

In addition, DPHS acquired an original 1872 copy of *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* featuring a story written by our namesake's father, Richard Henry Dana Sr., entitled *THE BUCCANEER* (pictured).



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Upcoming events:

September 22 Founders Day Event

October 27 Tom Blake: *Tutor & Spunky's Deli*

Membership

Welcome new members, **Jim Goldsworth** and **Richard Chade!**

As a reminder, annual dues are payable every January. The membership categories are:

Individual	\$25 annual
Family	\$30 annual
Business	\$50 annual
Patron	\$100 annual
Life	\$500 lifetime

All contributions are tax deductible as the Historical Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Thank you again for your support of the Dana Point Historical Society --- active since 1987!

Questions? Contact me at rmlarusso@msn.com

Marsha LaRusso

DPHS Mourns Loss of Jim Hyde



The Society is saddened to announce the passing of DPHS member Jim Hyde, husband of the Society's Board of Directors Secretary, Heidi Hyde.

Jim was born and raised in Beverly Hills and received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1969. He spent most of his 30-year career working for the Irvine Ranch Water District.

Jim was very active in community affairs including involvement as President of the Dana Point Civic Association, member of the Dana Point Planning Commission, member of Dana Point Citizens for Action, member of the Dana Point Incorporation Committee and of the Dana Point Sanitary District Board.

Jim was named Citizen of the Year in 1994 by the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce.

The city loses a thoughtful and hardworking local advocate with his passing.